

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~financial-instrument~~ method for performing a financial transaction comprising the steps of:

issuing a financial instrument to a first investor, the financial instrument comprising:

a fixed income instrument having a predetermined remarketing date—~~for remarketing the fixed income instrument;~~

and a coupon for the fixed income instrument;

a forward purchase contract to purchase at least one equity share at a predetermined future contract date; and

a first acceleration trigger clause to designate a first date to remarket the fixed income instrument prior to the predetermined remarketing date upon a—~~happening an occurrence~~ of a first predetermined event;

remarketing the fixed income instrument on the first date upon the occurrence of the first predetermined event including issuing the fixed income instrument to a second investor; and

issuing at least one equity share to the first investor on the predetermined future contract date.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~financial-instrument~~ method of claim 1, wherein the financial instrument further ~~comprising:~~ comprises a second acceleration trigger clause to designate a second date to purchase the at least one equity share ~~prior to the predetermined future contract date upon a happening~~ upon an occurrence of a second predetermined event, and issuing the at least one equity share upon the occurrence of the second predetermined event prior to the predetermined future contract date.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~financial-instrument~~ method of claim 1, wherein the financial instrument further ~~comprising:~~ comprises a second acceleration trigger clause to

designate a third date to remarket the fixed income instrument ~~prior to the predetermined remarketing date upon a happening~~ upon an occurrence of a second predetermined event, and remarketing the fixed income instrument upon the occurrence of the second predetermined event prior to the remarketing date.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~financial instrument~~ method of claim 3, wherein the third date is prior to the first date.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~financial instrument~~ method of claim 3, wherein the first date is prior to the third date.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~financial instrument~~ method of claim 1, wherein the first date is immediate upon the ~~happening~~ occurrence of the first predetermined event.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~financial instrument~~ method of claim 1, wherein the first date is a predetermined time after the ~~happening~~ occurrence of the first predetermined event.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~financial instrument~~ method of claim 2, wherein the second date is immediate upon the ~~happening~~ occurrence of the second predetermined event.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~financial instrument~~ method of claim 2, wherein the second date is a predetermined time after the ~~happening~~ occurrence of the second predetermined event.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~financial instrument~~ method of claim 3, wherein the third date is immediate upon the ~~happening~~ occurrence of the second predetermined event.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~financial instrument~~ method of claim 3, wherein the third date is a predetermined time after the ~~happening~~ occurrence of the second predetermined event.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~offering~~ issuing a financial instrument comprising a fixed instrument, a forward purchase contract, and a first acceleration trigger clause, the method comprising:

~~Offering a~~ issuing the fixed income instrument having a predetermined remarketing date ~~for remarketing the fixed income instrument and a coupon;~~

~~offering a coupon for the fixed income instrument;~~

~~offering a~~ issuing the forward purchase contract to purchase at least one equity share at a predetermined future contract date; and

providing a first acceleration trigger clause to designate a first date to remarket the fixed income instrument prior to the predetermined remarketing date upon ~~a happening~~ an occurrence of a first predetermined event.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising: providing a second acceleration trigger clause ~~designating to designate~~ designating to designate a second date to purchase the at least one equity share prior to the predetermined future contract date upon ~~a happening~~ an occurrence of a second predetermined event.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising: providing a second acceleration trigger clause ~~designating to designate~~ designating to designate a third date to remarket the fixed income instrument prior to the predetermined remarketing date upon ~~a happening~~ an occurrence of a second predetermined event.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the third date is prior to the first date.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the first date is prior to the third date.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the first date is immediate upon the ~~happening~~ occurrence of the first predetermined event.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the first date is a predetermined time after the ~~happening~~ occurrence of the first predetermined event.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the second date is immediate upon the ~~happening~~ occurrence of the second predetermined event.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the second date is a predetermined time after the ~~happening~~ occurrence of the second predetermined event.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the third date is immediate upon the ~~happening~~ occurrence of the second predetermined event.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the third date is a predetermined time after the ~~happening~~ occurrence of the second predetermined event.

23. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the second date is prior to the predetermined future contract date.

24. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the third date is prior to the predetermined remarketing date.

25. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the first predetermined event comprises a change in the credit rating of an issuer of the financial instrument.

26. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the second predetermined event comprises a change in the credit rating of an issuer of the financial instrument.

27. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the second predetermined event comprises a change in the credit rating of an issuer of the financial instrument.

28. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the first predetermined event comprises a change in the credit rating of an issuer of the financial instrument.

29. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the second predetermined event comprises a change in the credit rating of an issuer of the financial instrument.

30. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the second predetermined event comprises a change in the credit rating of an issuer of the financial instrument.